

REMARKS

Previously Claims 1 through 23 were in the case. Applicants are amending one claim submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 29, 2003 and adding Claims 24 and 25 in order to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter disclosed in the specification. The reason for submitting this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is that Dr. Topiwala, one of the inventors and Chief Executive Officer of assignee, upon reviewing the July 29 Preliminary Amendment in the course of interacting with an international standards body, formed the view that the claims contained therein and in the original issued patent did not fully cover the disclosed subject matter. The brief amendment to Claim 12 clarifies the extent of the claimed invention. New Claims 24 and 25 further clarify the scope of the invented subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the added reissue claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney, at the telephone shown below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be
in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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